

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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State Advisory Council

The Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children (Council) is established as an Advisory Council to the State Board of Education. Its establishment is set forth in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) federal regulations in §§ 300.167-300.169 and the North Carolina General Statutes in §115C-121.

The Council advises the State Board of Education with respect to the unmet needs of children with special needs and in the development and implementation of policies related to the coordination of services for students with disabilities. The Council also advises the State Board of Education with respect to developing evaluations, reporting on data, and developing corrective action plans to address findings in federal monitoring reports.

Duties

- Advise the State Board of Education with respect to unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities;
- Comment publicly on rules and policies proposed by the State Board of Education regarding the education of children with disabilities;
- Advise the State Board of Education in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary of Education;
- Advise the State Board of Education in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports;
- Advise the State Board of Education in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities;
- Carry out any other responsibility as designated by federal law or the State Board of Education.

If you are an individual with a disability or a parent of a child with disability with an interest in becoming a member of the Council, please submit a cover letter and resume to Deanna Townsend-Smith (deanna.townsend-smith@dpi.nc.gov) as well as your local State Board Representative. To find your local representative, visit: <https://stateboard.ncpublicschools.gov/about-sbe/sbe-staff> and click on SBE Members and Advisors on the left



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<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov>

Virtual Events

- I'm Determined. Youth and Parent Summit.
<http://imdetermined.org/youth-summit/>

Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)

Online Resources

[NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

New Resource

NC PTA Special Education Inclusion Committee has launched a statewide resource list in an Excel documents on the [NCPTA website](#) or from the link below. The spreadsheet contains a wide variety of over 400 public and private resources in NC and nationally. Resources will continue to be added so check back frequently.

<https://ncpta.org/index.php/advocacy/special-education-resources/>

Check out previous newsletters for other resources.

<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-newsletter-2020>

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